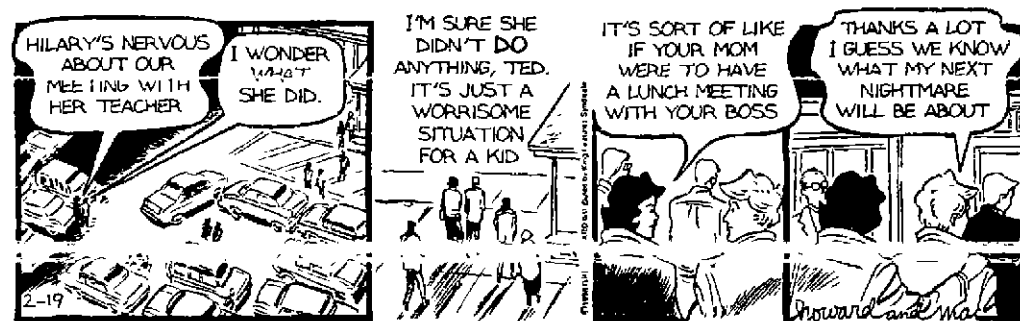


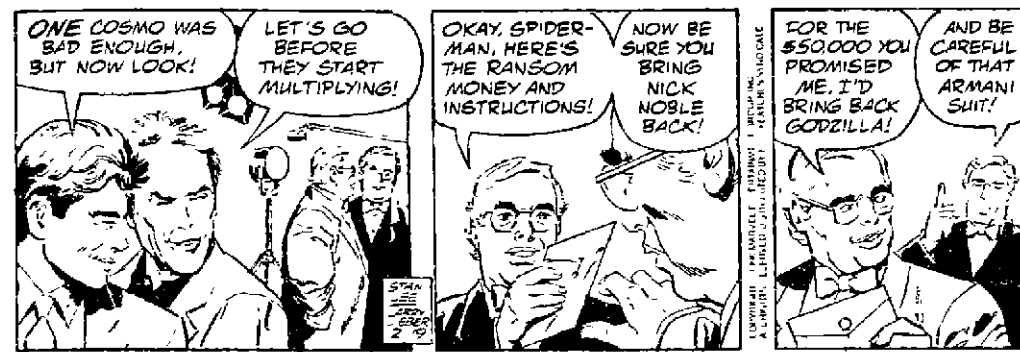
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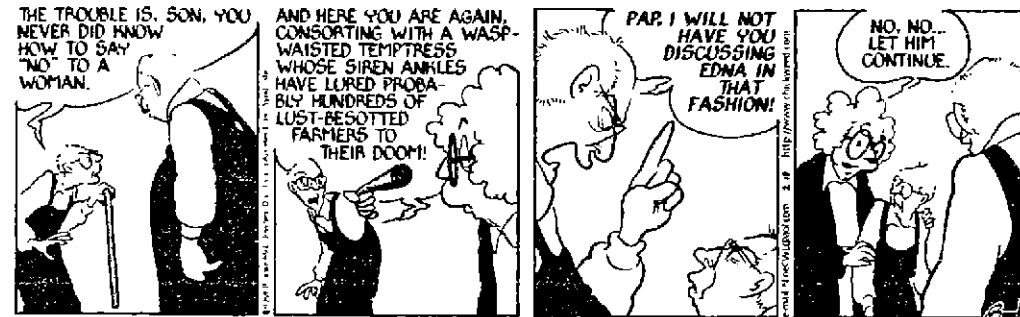
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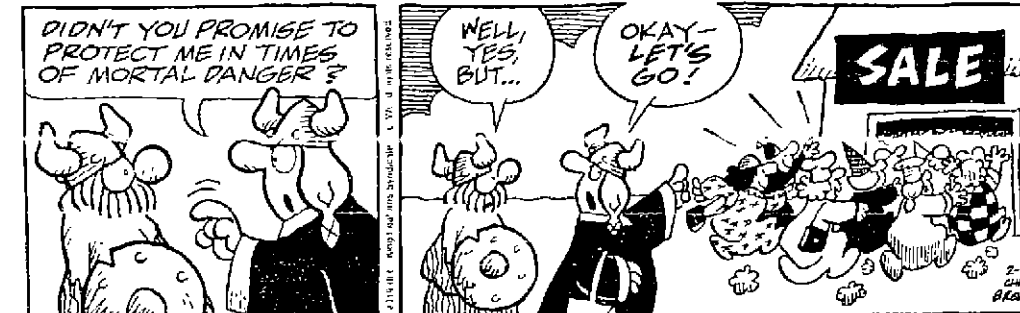
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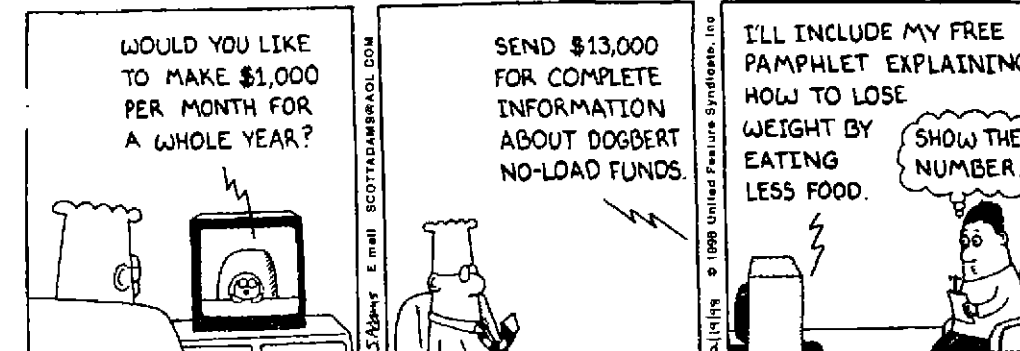
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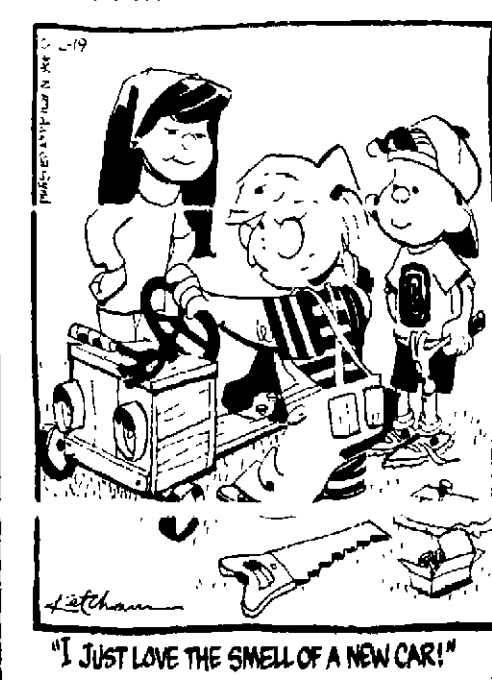
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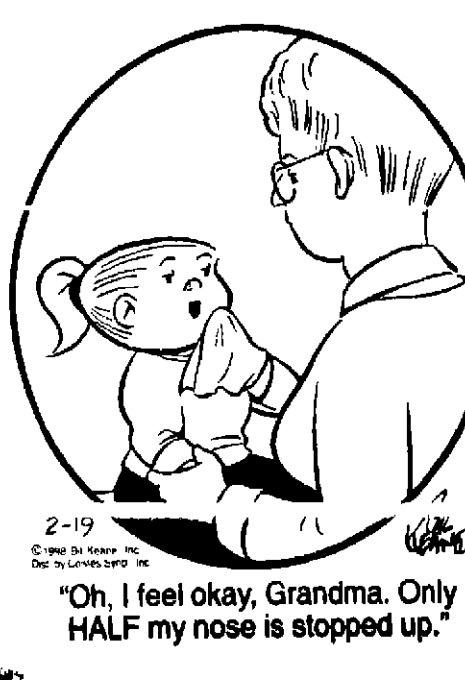
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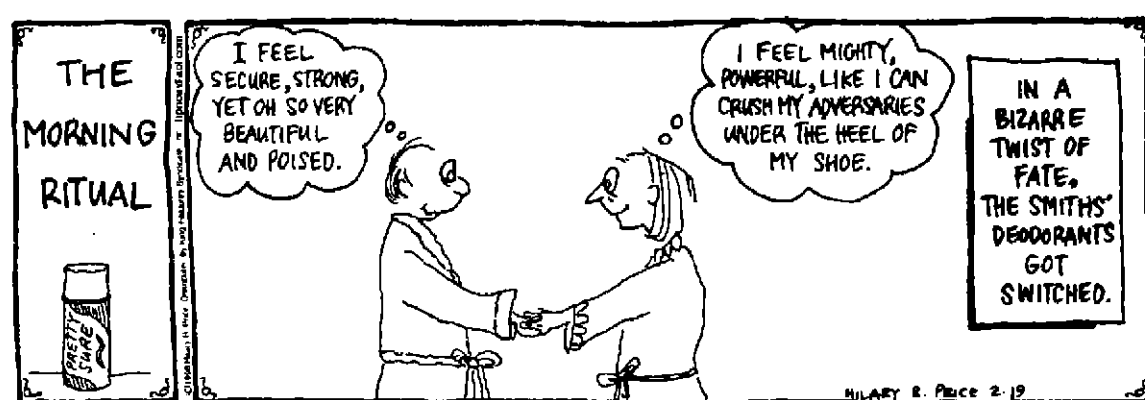
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Feb. 20, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You fall behind on your work schedule during the morning. As a result, you spend the rest of the day playing catch-up.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) You're brought better of implementing a well-meaning friend's suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's not nice to keep someone dangling for a straight answer. If you're incapable of making that decision, be honest about it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your optimistic mood inspires those around you to share the sunshine.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're liable to do something very daring. Although others ooh and aah at your boldness, you're being a bit foolhardy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your sharp tongue is being wagged once again. You need to realize how hurtful those remarks are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A tendency toward melancholia has you dragging. Instead of dwelling on what's wrong, think about your blessings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A future family reunion isn't exactly your dream vacation. This is important to the older members of the family and shouldn't be avoided.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You don't know as much as you think you do about a certain person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) There's nothing going on but bills, bills, bills! Do make an effort to pay them in a timely manner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Certain singles are leading on people in whom they have no romantic interest. It's time to put an end to this provocative behavior.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You have no problem expressing yourself at home. You should be just as assertive at work.

RALPH



"Do you have any with a coffee taste?"

WORD SLEUTH

- Racing

Z R Z W T Q N K H D A X U C R
P M A J G D A X L V K S Q A N
K T H C A Y I L L U C S F M D
A X A U T O V T I Q A S O E M
J T H O R O U G H B R E D L H
F C A Y B W L U N R T N P C N
L J H G O D F S W D T R B Y Z
X V T R A Q E T O I R A H C O
M K I H O R S E D H I H F I D
B Z Y W V T D R P Q D O N B L
K I R A C K C O T S H F D C A

Wednesday's unlisted clue: STANLEY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: DROMEDARY

Auto	Dog	Horse	Stock car
Bicycle	Downhill	Squall	Thoroughbred
Chariot	Drag	Slot car	Yacht
Dirt track	Harness	Speedboat	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"His lead had to be a singleton," explained South. "That's why I led trumps immediately. I would have survived had West

led the heart suit. If the trumps had been 2-2," What could South have done about his "poor luck?" West

led his singleton heart deuce, announcing to all he was in search of a ruff. Why else would he have led

North's suit? South won his heart ace and immediately

led a trump to dummy's king and East's ace. East re-

turned a heart, and South was helpless. He ruffed high, hoping to find the trumps

2-2, but it didn't work. West had three trumps, and the

uppercut developed a second trump winner for the de-

fense. How could South avoid the set? He did well to

recognize the danger of a heart ruff, but he failed to

take evasive action. As there was no danger unless East

held the trump ace, South should not lead a low trump from his

hand. Instead, he should cross to dummy in spades to lead a

trump from dummy. East wins his ace and returns a heart, but

South can now afford a high ruff without suffering a trump up-

percut. What clue virtually marked East with the trump ace? Had

West held the trump ace, he probably would not have led his

singleton. With little likelihood of finding a quick entry to East's

hand, West would have had good reason to attack in diamonds,

a suit in which he held an honor.

WEST
♠ 10 5 3 2
♥ 2
♦ Q 9 8 5 2
♣ 10 9 5

EAST
♠ 8 6
♥ J 9 8 6 4 3
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ A

SOUTH
♠ K Q 9
♥ A
♦ A J 3
♣ Q J 7 6 4 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	6♣	All pass

Opening lead: Heart deuce

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Tuesday morning, 1 NS, Doug Lyon, Cameron Ross; 2 NS, Millie Albrigo, Jean Oberg; 1 EW, Allene Huntley, Janet Sinclair; 2 EW, Don Miller, Sarah Miller; Saturday evening, first, Bill Pennington, Janet Sinclair, second/third, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus; Bob Herold, Gerri Herold.

The Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Paul Peters, Winona Phillips; second, Bill Barrington, Cornelia Yoder; Sunday evening, first, Sharon Paulus, Bob Simard; second, Josh Donn, Mike Walsh; Monday morning, first, Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon; second, Carl Brown, Claude Henri; Monday evening, first, Allene Huntley, Grace Willdo, second, Dennis Cleary, Julie Sunser; Tuesday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Cameron Ross; second, Judy Everts, Joe Fortino; Wednesday evening, first, Gerta Freimark, Arlene Rainone; second, John Molinari, Gary Simonetta; Thursday morning teaching game, 1 NS, Gert Andrae, Edith Farnham; 2/3 NS, John Beauchamp, Cheryl Janson; Louis Bashaw, Bob Donahue; 1 EW, Janet Gillen, Harold McOiver; 2 EW, Sherli Machit; Al Wistrup; Thursday evening, first, Sharon Ausman, Allene Huntley; second, Al Bard, Bill Barrington; Friday morning, first/second, Murray Hall, Steve O'Brien; Larry Sunser, Julie Sunser; Friday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Arlene Rainone; second, Judy Everts, Don Paulus.

Concord Aces: Monday morning, 1 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Clo Morris; 2 NS, Fran Dussault, Helene Gove; 1 EW, Fran McCarthy, Gerry Wurdinger; 2 EW, Katherine Worthen, Barb Reinschmidt.

Stonhedge: Tuesday morning, 1 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Clo Morris; 2 NS, Gerry Burns, Lil Parkhurst; 1 EW, Harriet Karpowski, Marie Rothbaler; 2 EW, Ginny Lewis, Nancy Rude.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Movie director **John Frankenheimer** ("The Manchurian Candidate") is 68. Singer **Smokey Robinson** is 58. Singer **Bobby Rogers** (Smokey Robinson & the Miracles) is 58. Actor **Carlin Glynn** is 58. Singer **Lou Christie** is 55. Actor **Michael Nader** is 53. Rock musician **Tony Iommi** (Black Sabbath) is 50. Actor **Jeff Daniels** is 43. Talk show host **Loranne Crook** is 41. Britain's **Prince Andrew** is 38. Tennis Hall-of-Famer **Hana Mandlikova** is 36. Singer **Seal** is 35. Actress **Justine Bateman** is 32.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0108

ACROSS

1 Places for pickles
3 Vanzetti's partner in anarchy
10 Slowdowns
14 Have — in one's bonnet
15 Without extra toppings
16 Suffix with Saturn
17 1904 La Scala premiere
20 Angle type
21 Purpose
22 A bunch
23 1896 Teatro Regio premiere
25 Deep-six
26 "Whether — nobler..."
27 Surreptitiously thwart

31 Friendly

35 Ending with cloth or cash

36 Island close to Maui

37 Like Lex Luthor

38 Duck down

40 Abbr. in many org names

41 Round home

42 Stat. that's good when low

43 Albéniz piano masterpiece

45 Theseus abandoned her

47 Sci-fi's Lester — Rey

48 Undergrad degs.

49 1926 La Scala premiere

54 Corday's victim

57 Physics unit

58 Silents actress

59 Theme of this puzzle

62 By

63 Shakespearean hero

64 Neat as —

65 Where the Storting sits

66 Kind of pad

67 Aspiring atty.'s exam

DOWN

1 Actor Malcolm — Warner

2 Ropemaking fiber

3 Fix, as a soundtrack

4 Defense grp. abolished in 1977

5 Where some losers hang out

6 Picture holders

7 Bring about

8 Write up, as a speeder

9 Hamilton's prov.

10 1917 Monte Carlo premiere

11 Italian car, briefly

12 Apply gold leaf to

13 Israel

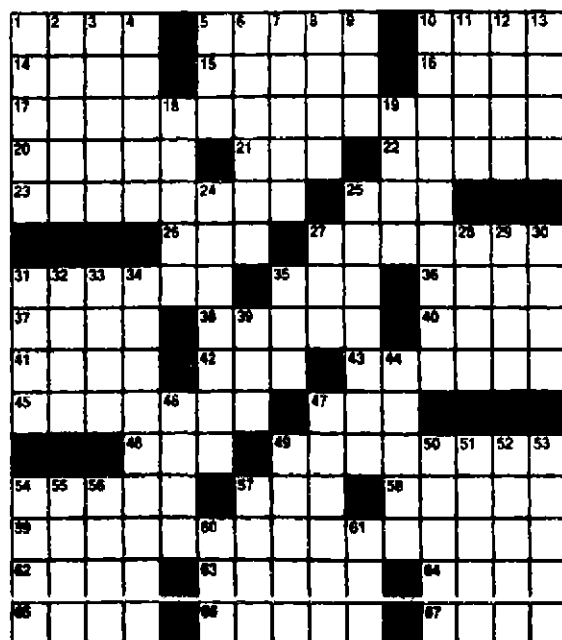
14 Philharmonic director

15 Dash

16 Actress Atkins et al.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CAHN ALFA CHIN
OLIO BILG AIME
SOLS EMILY BPPD
MODESTPROPOSAL
OFAGE STY NILES
AAA RESUME
ISPY SHAVEN TED
THISDIAMONORING
HAL RATTLE AINTE
TEDIO RUI PATSY
WILLYOUWARRYME
MIND ELOPE IRON
ETTE SLIVER SORT
SHOO OBLQ KLEB



Puzzle by Nancy S. Ross

28 Aircraft —
29 Discern
30 Big pig
31 Oppositionist
32 Benefit, often
33 Rowlands of "Gloria"
34 Unceasingly
35 Not yet final,
36 1918 Met premiere
37 First Lady in 1900
38 Hot blood
39 Not rosé

40 Contents of some banks
41 Attack verbally
42 Stew seasoning
43 Diet
44 Tap problems
45 vincit amor
46 Sully
47 Like old records
48 Fossey's fascination
49 True-to-life
50 Notice in passing
51 Blvds.
52 Tres less dos

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